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Contractor License Revocations

~ Board imposes nearly \$80,000 in fines for legal violations ~

RICHMOND – The Virginia Board for Contractors issued 17 license revocations at its most recent meeting Tuesday, Oct. 19. Following is a summary of the Board's actions.

Copies of the file orders are available online at www.dpor.virginia.gov under "License Lookup." Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

TIMOTHY L. SEMMONT trading as A & T BUILDERS LYNCHBURG, VA

File Number 2004-00726

COMPLAINANT – Sam Pyun (Forest, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Semmont retained funds related to uncompleted contract items and failed to honor the terms of a mediation agreement.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705036211 and a \$5,000 fine.

File Number 2004-02486

COMPLAINANT – Patricia Harrison (Lynchburg, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Semmont failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to complete work for which he contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION - Revocation of License No. 2705036211 and a \$8,000 fine.

HUNTER E. SPENCE trading as H.E. SPENCE ROOFING TROUTVILLE, VA

File Number 2004-04245

VIOLATIONS – Spence's felony convictions violate the Board's statute and regulations. In addition, Spence failed to notify the Board of the convictions.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705029501 and a \$7,500 fine.

File Number 2004-02646

COMPLAINANT – Morris Wickham (Roanoke, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Spence failed to include all required provisions in the written contract and failed to complete work for which he contracted.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705029501 and a \$3,000 fine.

File Number 2004-02848

COMPLAINANT – Evelyn Ragland (Roanoke, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Spence failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to complete work for which he contracted; failed to honor the terms and conditions of a warranty; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705029501 and a \$5,100 fine.

File Number 2004-01164

COMPLAINANT – Rachel and Naaman Mays (Troutville, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Spence failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; abandoned the project; and retained funds related to uncompleted contract items.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705029501 and a \$5,600 fine.

GUARANTY HOMES INC.

LYNCHBURG, VA

File Number 2004-01002

COMPLAINANT – David Johnson (Lynchburg, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Guaranty failed to operate in the name in which the license was issued; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; and failed to honor the terms and conditions of a warranty.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705048994 and a \$4,500 fine.

THE VIRGINIA HONEY-DO'S, INC. CHESTERFIELD, VA

File Number 2004-01382

COMPLAINANT – Emilian Gheorghe (Richmond, VA)

VIOLATIONS – VHD failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain written change orders for modifications to the contract; failed to satisfy a court judgment; and engaged in negligence and/or incompetence by performing work containing deficiencies. BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705074344 and a \$4,850 fine.

File Number 2004-02759

COMPLAINANT – Janice Evans (Richmond, VA)

VIOLATIONS – VHD abandoned the project and retained funds related to uncompleted contract items

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705074344 and a \$5,000 fine.

File Number 2004-03610

COMPLAINANT – Joseph Kane (Glen Allen, VA)

VIOLATIONS – VHD abandoned the project and retained funds related to uncompleted contract items

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705074344 and a \$5,000 fine.

CALVIN R. PERRY, SR. trading as TOWN-COUNTRY DECORATORS RICHMOND, VA

File Number 2004-01355

COMPLAINANT – Deeya Thomas (Richmond, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Perry failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to complete work for which he contracted; failed to notify the Board of a change of address; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705072465 and a \$4,400 fine.

RICHARD ALLEN BUSH HIGHLAND SPRINGS, VA

File Number 2004-01991

COMPLAINANT – Eastville Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.

VIOLATIONS – Bush failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain the required final inspection; failed to complete work for which he contracted; misapplied funds; failed to notify the Board of a change of address; and failed to respond to an investigator. BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705074695 and a \$5,000 fine.

ANDERSON BUILDING CORPORATION CHESAPEAKE, VA

File Number 2003-00164

VIOLATIONS – Anderson violated §54.1-1110 of the *Code of Virginia* due to its substantial identity of interest with a firm whose license was revoked.

BOARD ACTION - Revocation of License No. 2705068096.

ROBERT HAYMAKER trading as TOTAL CONCRETE VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

File Number 2004-00466

COMPLAINANT – Christopher McConnell (Chesapeake, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Haymaker abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705069232 and a \$6,000 fine.

UNITED RESTORATION, LLC trading as UNITED AIR COMFORT (HENRICO CO) FORT LAUDERDALE, FL

File Number 2004-00195

COMPLAINANT – Timothy Schanken (Virginia Beach, VA)

VIOLATIONS – United failed to operate in the name in which the license was issued and engaged in misconduct by failing to honor a promise to repair.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705072974 and a \$3,000 fine.

KIM L. FORBUS trading as FORBUS HANDYMAN FOR HIRE WINCHESTER, VA

File Number 2004-01522

COMPLAINANT – Lana Yates (Lost City, WV)

VIOLATIONS – Forbus' misdemeanor conviction violates the Board's statute and regulations. In addition, Forbus was disciplined by the West Virginia Contractor Licensing Board; failed to satisfy a court judgment; and failed to notify the Board of a change of address.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705064276 and a \$4,750 fine.

POTOMAC ABATEMENT, INC. ELKRIDGE, MD

File Number 2004-04188

VIOLATIONS – Potomac's felony convictions violate the Board's statute and regulations. In addition, Potomac failed to notify the Board of the convictions.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705034756 and a \$2,500 fine.

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About DPOR and the Board for Contractors:

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) administers and enforces laws regulating 31 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies more than 265,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Board for Contractors licenses over 90,000 Virginia businesses and individuals. The Board is composed of a Class A general contractor; a sub-contractor; contractors specializing in utilities, commercial and industrial buildings, single-family residences, and home improvements; a building supplier; a local building official; licensed tradesmen in plumbing, electrical, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); and two citizen members.

The Board administers the Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund, which provides monetary relief to consumers who incur losses through the improper and dishonest conduct of a licensed contractor. The fund is supported entirely by assessments paid by licensed contractors, not by any tax revenues.

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